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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure, applicants submit the information contained in the Declaration of Ann-Kristin (Karlsson) Ekelund under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (and its Exhibits A-U11) filed with applicants' Amendment in Reply to Action of March 17, 2008 on even date herewith. In particular, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to Exhibit N (described in paragraphs 9, 12 and 13 of the Declaration) and Exhibits O, P, S, T and U1-U11 (described in paragraphs 14-17 of the Declaration). Exhibit N is the minutes of a 1996 meeting between US Food & Drug Administration personnel and AstraZeneca personnel. Exhibits O, P, S, T and U1-U11 relate to Preferid®, a budesonide-containing topical cream product. A version of the Preferid® product that was marketed in Scandinavia in the early 1980's contained ethylene oxide-treated budesonide and was marketed as "sterile". The manufacturing process included a step of treating budesonide powder with ethylene oxide, mixing the treated powder with an autoclaved water/Cetomacrogol 1000 solution to form a suspension, and mixing that suspension first with more water and then with a cream base (see Exhibit P). The resulting Preferid® cream was typically used to treat inflammation of the skin.

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